

many opiates, which were leading to deaths, and so, I don't take money from the prescription drug companies. I don't take money from the payday lenders because I think it is a horrible service, and they rip people off. I have known people who got cancer. I don't take money from the cigarette companies.

So you don't have to take support from everybody who is willing to support you. But when Black Lives Matter puts on their website, we disrupt the western-prescribed nuclear family, and we have an American government right now which, to me, is discriminating against couples who are married, you have to wonder, was this by chance, or are these people who want to set up government programs to discriminate against families?

□ 1130

I would like to give people a chance to publicize this problem in hearings and see if there's something we can do about this problem.

So I have asked the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, which has something to do with programs like Pell grants, to have a hearing and see whether my constituent is right: Are we really, in the United States Government, expressing strong bias against couples who are married, and penalizing them?

I have forwarded a request like this to the chairman of the committee.

I think it is a problem that has been out there ever since Lyndon Johnson, in the 1960s, began his war on the family.

I personally think he was the worst President in this country's history, and it is not just because he declared war on the family. He did a bad job in prosecuting the Vietnam war, his personal life was a hodgepodge, but of all the bad things he did, I think his programs aimed at destroying the family was the worst thing.

So I guess to illustrate that Members of the other party are also a little bit concerned about these programs that penalize what they refer to as the traditional western family, though it is the traditional family used by people who are not western European at all, I would like to ask for such a hearing.

HONORING NEW YORK STATE SENATOR BETTY LITTLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of New York State Senator Betty Little, an extraordinarily dedicated and effective public servant for the north country, to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Betty has dedicated decades of her life to representing the hardworking families of upstate New York, both during her time in the New York State Assembly and the State Senate.

Senator Little first began her career in public service at the local level, and served in many capacities while also working as a teacher before her election to the New York State Assembly in 1995. She was later elected to the State Senate in 2002.

Betty has accomplished countless legislative results over the years, expanding benefits for military families, saving hardworking taxpayer dollars, protecting jobs in the Adirondacks, and always standing up for the people of the north country.

While petite in stature, Betty is truly a giant among public servants.

Senator Little sought election to public office as a working mother, a time when this was a lot harder and less in vogue. She quietly shattered innumerable glass ceilings and paved the way for generations of women to come.

I am proud to call Betty Little a legislative partner, a role model, and a dear friend.

I offer Betty my most sincere congratulations and gratitude, and I wish her and her family all the best in this next chapter.

It is my privilege to highlight her accomplishments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLAY) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit of wisdom upon the Members of the people's House as they move toward the completion of their work in the 116th Congress. After a long year of stress in our Nation, due to a plague which continues to swell, give them the resolve to address the needs of all our citizens and communities.

Bless those many heroic men and women who continue to labor, at great danger to themselves, to care for those who suffer from COVID. Bring healing to those who do suffer, and comfort those who mourn the loss of so much this past year. Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DANIEL MILLER

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Daniel Miller, the eldest of six children, from Galesburg, Illinois.

A member of the varsity football team, his principal described him as "always smiling" and "caring about everyone."

In 2004, he joined the Air Force and continued to lead as a senior airman. With great courage, he defused explosive devices and worked with chemical and biological weapons.

On January 7, 2007, Senior Airman Miller, Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki, and Technical Sergeant Timothy R. Weiner all made the ultimate sacrifice, attempting to defuse a car bomb in Iraq.

Our Nation will never be able to repay them, but it is our duty to remember their service. It is my honor today to commemorate the service of Senior Airman Miller with the dedication of the U.S. Post Office on East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building.

STUDENT DEBT

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to address the crippling cost of student debt.

Although my Democratic colleagues and I agree substantially on the issue, we disagree substantially on the solution. We need to cure the disease, not just put a Band-Aid on it.

Absolving student debt or making college free altogether does not address